

Translation of a statement made by the five delegates of the Southwest clique on their arrival in Shanghai on July 9, 1936. 7456

We five persons are going to attend the Second Plenary Session to be held in Hankow as representatives of the Southwest clique. We left Canton on the 6th and arrived in Hongkong on the 7th, and travelled on the s.s. "President Jefferson" to Shanghai. Many people are anxious to ascertain the latest political developments in the Southwest. Consequently, we will give you a true account of the circumstances surrounding the policy of the Southwest Authorities in deciding to resist the Japanese in order to save the nation.

Since September 18, 1931, the whole nation has been inclined to the policy of resistance, especially the people at the Southwest. However, the people have continued to bear their sufferings patiently until the present time when the critical situation in North China has convinced the people that the nation has reached its final stage of existence and that should no efforts be made to offer resistance, the nation will collapse. Kwangtung is the birthplace of the revolution, and the people of Kwangtung have already assumed more than their share of responsibility in aiding the nation. In view of the external aggression, the Kwangtung Authorities felt that it was impossible to see the nation and country destroyed without raising a hand. Accordingly, they decided to start the national salvation movement by reorganizing the troops of Kwangtung and Kwangsi and renaming them the Anti-Japanese National Salvation Army. They have made all preparations for an expedition and meanwhile requested the Central Government by telegram to take the leadership and organize national resistance. The aim of the movements is to express determination by realities instead of empty speeches. Unfortunately owing to rumours the Central Government entertained suspicion of the Southwest and declared their actions to be imprudent. This

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misunderstanding is to be regretted. The Southwestern Military Authorities, following the receipt of telegraphic instructions from the Central Government, at once withdrew the small number of troops who were sent out first and were waiting for further instructions, to their billets. It is hoped that at the forthcoming 2nd plenary session, a plan will be devised to save the nation by resisting Japan. Apart from submitting the case for the Southwest to the Session, we hope that the Session will accept the five requests contained in the proposal and take the leadership in resisting Japan so that the nation will be saved and the wishes of the people throughout the country will be granted.

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With reference to the report that representatives from the South West were to arrive in Shanghai en route to Nanking to make appeals to the Central Government, inquiries have been made and it has been ascertained that the following vessels have arrived in Shanghai from South China since July 7 :-

s.s. "Franken"

s.s. "Fushimi Maru"

s.s. "Nellore"

s.s. "Freussen"

s.s. "Hoikow"

s.s. "Ajax."

s.s. "An-shing"

s.s. "President Jefferson"

There were no large or small groups of passengers on board these boats whose movements gave rise to suspicion.

Eight official delegates of the South West authorities to the 2nd Plenary Session of the C.E.C. of the Kuomintang to be held in Nanking on July 10 travelled in the s.s. "President Jefferson", which arrived here at 8.30 a.m. July 9 and berthed at Buoys No.12 and 13. Their names are given below :-

Hwang Ling-su (黃麟書).

Wong Zien-sung (王宗笙).

Teng Ching-yang (鄧青陽).

Li Ning-jen (李任仁).

Li Chi-an

(李綺庵).

Tsai Kwang-siu (崔廣秀).

Li Foh-ling

(李福林)

and Li Ts-wan

(李次溫).

They are residing in the Park Hotel, Bubbling Well Road.

Seven members of the staff of the Aviation Bureau in the South West, who are believed to have surrendered to the Nanking Government, arrived in the same vessel. They

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are staying in the New Asia Hotel, Tiendong Road, near North
Szechuen Road, and will leave Shanghai for Nanking by the
night express train at 11 p.m. to-day, July 9.

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Delegates Of Canton Land Here

Important Kuomintang
Session In Nanking
Opens Tomorrow

Cantonese Dodge
Local Newsmen

Demand For Immediate
War Against Japan
Anticipated

With the five Southwest delegates in Shanghai and more than 150 members already in Nanking, the momentous Second Plenary Session of the Central Executive and Supervisory Committees of the Kuomintang will be formally opened in the capital city early tomorrow morning.

Never in the history of the Kuomintang has an agenda of such importance been placed before the C.E.C. and C.S.C. sessions. The Kuomintang leaders attending this meeting will be formally asked to discuss a resolution demanding a declaration of war with Japan, which is to be submitted by the Southwestern delegates who arrived from Canton via Hongkong on the Dollar liner President Jefferson this morning.

Starts Tomorrow

While it is generally believed that the resolution will not be given much deliberation at the session, other resolutions aimed at the prevention of the Southwest's purported anti-Japanese drive and at the unification of the nation will be fully discussed in a concerted effort to avoid internal dissension, political or military.

The first item on the program for the opening of the momentous C.E.C. and C.S.C. session is scheduled to take place at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning at the mausoleum of the founder of the party, the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Members attending the session will pay their respects, to the leader and hold the opening ceremony there. A preliminary session will follow at 8 o'clock at the Central Kuomintang Headquarters at which the formalities of selection of a presidium and creation of various sub-committees will be completed.

Big Budget

A budget of \$31,000 has been approved by the national government to cover the expenses of the meeting. Elaborate precautions are taken by authorities in Nanking to prevent disturbances during the session. Heavy detachments of police and gendarmes have been posted in and out the Central Tansu building. Still vividly mindful of the attack on the life of Mr. Wang Ching-wei, then president of the Executive Yuan, on November 1, last year, the guard will bar all newspapermen and persons not directly connected with the conference from the building.

The five Southwest delegates were literally "smuggled" into Shanghai this morning. When they reached port on the President Jefferson and before the handful of early-rising newspapermen could find time to board the Dollar liner from the tender, the delegates were escorted by an official from the City Government of Greater Shanghai into a waiting launch belonging to the Public Safety Bureau. Despite the protest of Customs officers, the launch carried the passengers away.

War Demanded

Approached later, the delegates, Messrs. Huang Ling-shu, Li Chian, Li Jen-jen, Tsui Kwang-shu and Teng Tsing-yang, issued a written statement in which they vouched for the sincerity of the Southwest's "anti-Japanese expedition" and confirmed reports that the Southwest Political Council is submitting a five-point resolution to the C.E.C. session demanding immediate severance of relations with Japan, abrogation of all "humiliating" sino-Japanese agreements, the use of armed force to prevent an increase of the Japanese garrison in North China, restoration of freedom of speech and liberty of the people, and that the Central Government take the initiative and lead the country to war.

The Southwest delegates are proceeding to Nanking by train tonight. Leaving for the capital city tonight also are Messrs. T. V. Soong, Wu Te-chen, Pan Kung-chen, Yang Cho-kan, Hsieh Chieh and other C. E. C. members. A large party of them left for Nanking last night. It is expected that approximately 190 out of the 255 regular and reserve C. E. C. and C. S. C. members in all parts of China will attend the session.